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Westminster, Octob. 21.

THE Parliament met yesterday, and Her Majesty being come to the House of Peers, and seated on the Throne in Her Royal Robes, with the usual Solemnity, ordered Sir *David Mitchel* Gentleman-Usher of the Black Rod, to go to the House of Commons, and require their Attendance in the House of Peers, whither they came accordingly: The Lord Keeper then, by Her Majesty's Command, signified to them Her Royal Pleasure, *That they should forthwith proceed to the Choice of a fit Person to be their Speaker*: Whereupon being returned to their House, they unanimously elected *Robert Harley* Esq; who was placed in the Chair by Two of the Members, according to the usual Custom. This day the House presented him to Her Majesty Seated on Her Throne in the House of Peers, who was graciously pleased to approve the Choice of a Person known to be so well qualified for that high Employment, and then made the following Speech to both Houses:

My Lords and Gentlemen,

IT is with great Satisfaction I meet this Parliament, which I have Summoned to Assist Me in Carrying on the Just and Necessary War in which We are Engaged. I have called you together as early as was consistent with your Convenience in coming out of your several Countries; and I assure My Self of such Evidences of your Affection to Me, and of your Zeal for Our Common Cause, as will not only give Spirit and Forwardness to Our own Preparations, but such Example and Encouragement to Our Allies, as, by God's Blessing, cannot fail of a good Effect, for the Advantage of the whole Confederacy.

I have met with so many Expressions of Joy and Satisfaction in all the Countries, thro' which I have lately had occasion to pass, that I cannot but look upon them as true Measures of the Duty and Affection of the rest of My Subjects.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons,

I must desire you to grant Me such Supplies, as will Enable Me to comply both with Our Particular Treaties and Engagements already made, and such others as may be necessary for the Encouragement of Our Allies, and the Prosecuting the War, where it shall most Sensibly Affect our Enemies, and be most Effectual for Disappointing the Boundless Ambition of France.

And that My Subjects may the more Chearfully bear the necessary Taxes, I desire you to Inspect the Accounts of all the Publick Receipts and Payments; and if there have been any Abuses or Mismanagements, I hope you will detect them, that the Offenders may be Punished, and others be Deterr'd by such Examples from the like Practices.

I must observe to you, with some Concern, That the Fonds given by the last Parliament have in some Measure fain short of the Sums proposed to be raised by them; and though I have already paid and applied to the Publick Service the Hundred Thousand Pounds, which I promised to the last Parliament, yet it has not supplied that Deficiency.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

I cannot without much Trouble take Notice to you of the Disappointment we have had at Cadiz: *I have not yet had a Particular Account of that Enterprize, nor of all the Difficulties our Forces may have met with there; But I have had such a Representation of Disorders and Abuses committed at Port* St. Mary's, *as hath obliged Me to give Directions for the Strictest Examination of that Matter.*

I am earnestly desirous for all Our Sakes that this may prove a short Session; however I hope you will find time to Consider of some better and more effectual Method to Prevent the Exportation of Wooll, and to Improve that Manufacture, which is of great Consequence to the whole Kingdom; on My part nothing shall be omitted for its Encouragement.

I am firmly perswaded that the Love and good Affection of My Subjects is the surest Pledge of their Duty and Obedience, and the truest and justest Support of the Throne; and as I am Resolved to Defend and Maintain the Church as by Law Established, and to Protect you in the full Enjoyment of all your Rights and Liberties; so I Rely upon your Care of Me; My Interests and yours are inseparable; and My Endeavours shall never be wanting to make you all Safe and Happy.

Vienna, Octob. 4. *N. S.* The Imperial Court is still at Laxembourg, where there are frequent Conferences between the Emperor's Ministers, to concert Measures for carrying on the War. A Courier from Ratisbonne has brought hither the agreable News of the Diet's having declared War against France and Spain, and their Adherents. The Emperor, at the Desire of the Diet, has writ to the Elector of Bavaria, to exhort him to quit the Engagements he is entered into with France, so much contrary to his own Interest, and to the Gratitude he ows to the House of Austria, by whom his Family was raised to the Electoral Dignity; But there is little Hopes that he will comply with this Admonition, and therefore Measures are already taken to proceed against him in another manner. It is said, the Emperor designs shortly to augment his Forces, in order to which the Bishop of Wurtsbourg has offered to send 4000 Men into his Service.

Bristol, Octob. 15. Yesterday and this day arrived here the *Richard* and *Mary* from *Virginia*; the